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**FORMER VICE-PRESIDENT OF SMITHVILLE BANK
SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON FOR EMBEZZLEMENT**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced that 44-year-old Carol Anne Miller was sentenced this afternoon to 30 months in federal prison for stealing \$245,634.56 from a First State Bank branch in Smithville, Texas.

U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel also ordered Miller pay \$10,000 restitution to cover the accounting costs borne by the bank to determine the amount of financial loss. Miller had already paid \$245,634.56 restitution to the bank prior to sentencing.

Beginning in February 1998 and continuing until April 2004, Miller, while serving as an officer of the bank, stole over \$245,000 from the bank by pulling her checks out of the federal reserve cash letter before the cash letters were sent off for payment on another account, or by rejecting an item which was going to clear against her account. Miller would also pull credit card checks and make fraudulent entries in the books of First State Bank resulting in the transfer of funds from the bank's general ledger accounts to an account in the name of her brother that she had complete control over.

On January 11, 2005, Miller pled guilty to Theft, Embezzlement and Misapplication by a Bank Employee.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Assistant United States Attorney Mark Lane is prosecuting the case for the government.

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